WEEKLY REPORT Region 9

Environmental Protection Agency
Week of January 13, 2017
Office of Regional Counsel

Highlight of Past Week

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

DOJ to Publish a Notice in the Federal Register Announcing A Proposed CERCLA Past Cost Recovery Settlement

On January 13, 2017, DOJ will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing a proposed CERCLA past cost recovery settlement between the Estate of Dorothy Medore and EPA for response costs incurred by Region 9 in performing time critical removal actions at the Banaire Superfund site in Cabazon, California. The Medores operated Banaire as collectors and re-sellers of vintage aircraft parts, including aircraft gauges. The Riverside County Department of Environmental Health referred the site to EPA when radioactive soil, debris and equipment were discovered on three properties owned and operated by Banaire. Contact: Michele Benson, ORC 415-972-3918.

Region 9 Files Consent Agreement and Final Order against Canyon Plastics, Inc. for CWA Act Violations

On January 11, 2017, Region 9 filed a Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") against Canyon Plastics, Inc. of Valencia, California for violations of Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act. The facility failed to obtain a permit for industrial stormwater discharges and had not implemented practices to reduce the discharge of plastic pellets to local waterways. During settlement negotiations, the facility obtained coverage under California's Industrial Stormwater General Permit. Canyon Plastics also installed custom one millimeter mesh screens to cover all of the storm drain inlets at the facility. The CAFO requires Canyon Plastics to pay an administrative civil penalty of \$19,000 and install and operate plastic recycling equipment valued at \$292,000 at their facility as part of a supplemental environmental project. Contact: Desean Garnett, 415-972-3046.

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Regional Counsel Travel: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

Confidential Information